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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/866,731	Applicant(s) PIOT ET AL.	
	Examiner Gina C. Yu	Art Unit 1617	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on July 25, 2003 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 18-22, 24-29, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arraudeau et al. (US 5154916) ("Arraudeau") in view of Jeffcoat et al. (US 5871756) ("Jeffcoat"), Mizuno et al. (US 4350679) ("Mizuno"), and Leis, Jr. et al. (US 5149541) ("Leis").

Arraudeau teaches a wax-based mascara comprising 10 percent by weight of carnauba wax and keratin hydrollysate and gum, which are water-soluble polymers. See Example 4 in Arraudeau; instant claims 1-4, 7-9, and 18-22. In Example 4 in the Arraudeau, carnauba wax and beeswax are used in the ratio of 3.3:1. See instant

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claims 25-28. The reference fails to teach that the composition is a wax-in-water emulsion. The reference also fails to teach the particle size of the wax.

Jeffcoat teaches that triethanolamine stearate is a well-known oil-in-water emulsion. See col. 12, lines 30-36.

Mizuno teaches that carnauba wax powder having particle size of less than 80 mesh is conventionally used in cosmetic and pharmaceutical art. See 2, lines 1-11.

Teaches that 80 mesh is equivalent to 177 microns. See col. 4, line 53.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the Arraudeau composition by using the carnauba wax powder having particle size greater than 1 micron as motivated by Mizuno and Leis, Jr. because of the expectation to successfully produce the composition with ingredients that are conventionally used and available in cosmetic art. The claimed method of thickening eyelashes is viewed an obvious use of the prior art.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 59 is allowed.

Claims 5, 6, 10-17, 23, 30, and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-32 and 59 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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Claim 59 is allowed.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 18-22, 24-29, and 32 are rejected.

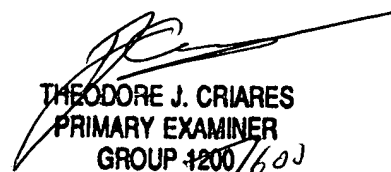
Claims 5, 6, 10-17, 23, 30, and 31 are objected to.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gina C. Yu whose telephone number is 703-308-3951.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 703-305-1877. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1234.

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